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BRITAIN TODAY

by

LORD LAWSON

Former British Secretary of State for War

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One of Britain's best-known Labor peers, better known to his friends as "Jack" Lawson, this soldier-author-statesman rose from mining pit boy to Cabinet rank and the peerage. He has held office in three Labor Governments following his first election to the House of Commons in 1919. During World War II he was Deputy Regional Commissioner for Civil Defense, Northern Region, and became Secretary of State for War in August, 1945, a post he held until October, 1946.

Now on a lecture tour of the United States, this man of rich humanity and wide experience brings OPC Members and guests a first-person view of Britain Today, its industrial and military situation, as well as sidelights on the people themselves.

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Judge N. F. ALLMAN and HARRY T. BRUNDIGE discussed William Oatis and other Americans held in Red jails on "BRUNDIGE: Crime Report" on WPIX January 20 ... The Cincinnati Enquirer recently reported it thought Past President BOB CONSIDINE's series, "The Great A-Bomb Robberly", was "his best story of the year" ... The Club acknowledges with thanks a copy of "Red Blight" written and presented by MARY IAMAR KNIGHT, 465 South El Molino Avenue, Pasadena, Cal. The volume has been added to the Club Library ... RALPH G. NICHOLSON, new publisher of the Charlotte Observer, spoke recently before a meeting of the North Carolina Press Association. Also just bought an \$80,000 ranch home ...

GREGOR ZIEMER has just been appointed educational director of the National Lecture Bureau of Chicago. Manager Ford Hicks and ZIEMER (working from his Drexel Building office in Philadelphia) are busily planning a 1952 speakers list. Members interested in applying for inclusion may write ZIEMER in Philadelphia

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Off January 27 on a four-month tour of the Pacific and Far East were GARDNER (Mike) COWLES, Look publisher, and Mrs. Cowles. COWLES will send dispatches for publication to his magazines and newspapers ... RAY JOSEPHS pens the lead piece for the February Today's Woman, "Putting Your Best Foot Forward", explaining public relations with a feminine "you" approach ... On February 5 Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER addressed the Overseas Rotary Fellowship of New York on "From a Reporter's Note Book" ...

AGENT WANTED: Member seeks an agent to handle lectures on political and business outlook in South America. Phone WALTER SCHUCK, GR. 7-8150.

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From Weinheim, Germany, comes a communique from Capt. HENRY GELLERMANN: "That promotion you asked Santa Claus to get for me (in the Christmas issue of The Bulletin) did not arrive; instead some joker sent me a note to the effect that General Clay was a captain for 22 years before being promoted. Who the hell cares ... In any event, if that unclaimed hat left behind at last New Year's party is still about, please save it for me. I expect to be back soon, and collecting Uncle Sam's pay for the past eight months -- any contribution will come in handy...Incidentally, JOHN McTIGUE who is with us in Psychological Warfare has been rechristened. He is now known as 'Captain Fatigue'. We both send our best wishes and regards..."

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NBC newsmen GEORGE HICKS has flown to London to assist ROMNEY WHEELER, NBC correspondent in the British capital, on coverage of the funeral of the late King George VI. Meanwhile, HENRY CASSIDY and MORGAN BEATTY participated in a special broadcast tribute, "Memorial to the King", which NBC presented February 6 ... More NBC News: MERRILL MUELLER, former chief of the London bureau and more recently San Francisco head, has taken charge of the network's Monday-through-Friday news program, with headquarters in New York ...

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: NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS :

ACTIVE: Kathleen McLaughlin, United Nations bureau, the New York Times. England, February to May, 1945; Holland and Belgium, May 1945 to July, 1945; Germany, July 1945 to September, 1951, all for the New York Times. Proposed by GERALDINE SARTAIN; seconded by LARRY BLOCHMAN.

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President JOHN DALY this week announced the appointment of WILLIAM P. GRAY, OPC vice-president, to be Chairman of the 1952 Dinner Committee. A Committee will shortly be named, whereupon studies will be commenced to decide upon the best type of program for the Annual Awards Dinner. No date has been set for the event.

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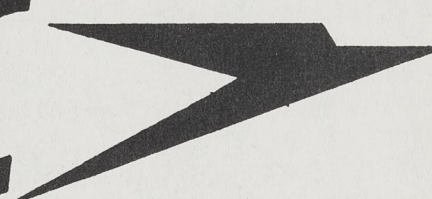
RICHARD HENSCHER, co-author with CLARK LEE of "Douglas MacArthur", guested on Bill Leonard's "This is New York" show over WCBS on February 13 ... Club's thanks to WILLIAM ZUKERMAN, editor of the Jewish Newsletter, for placing the OPC on that publication's mailing list ... DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN was recently awarded the Germain School of Photography's 1950 Annual Award for his coverage in Korea ...

Mr. and Mrs. DONALD ROBINSON, who escaped from the burning Sheppard's Hotel in Cairo, are expected back in New York in mid-March ... ALICE HUGHES, MARY MARGARET McBRIDE, GRETTE PALMER and MARY HORNADAY were among New York newspaperwomen putting on a dinner for the Women's National Press Club, at the Hotel Statler in Washington on February 11. Political skits, plus entertainment by Hildegard, the puppeteering Bairds, etc., featured the dinner for which a number of outstanding New Yorkers traveled to Washington ...

On February 20, HUGH SCHUCK makes his second appearance on DuMont's "Starring the Editors", filling in while Lowell Limpus is in Florida ... Just back in the U.S. from Rome is RITA HUME SECONDARI ... CHARLES L. COLTMAN, regional information representative for the FAO, leaves Bangkok next week for Rangoon and a swing through Burma, Malaya, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines, Japan and Korea ...

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~~~~~ MY MISSION IN ISRAEL by James G. MacDonald (Simon & Schuster). This is the warm and richly personal account by our first ambassador to Israel of what went on behind the scenes in high places during the first 30 months of Israel's existence.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF FAMOUS PAGES FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES (Simon & Schuster). If there was ever living disproof of the old adage that nothing is so dead as yesterday's newspaper, this book with its reproduction of the front pages of the Times is it.

BETTY BETZ IN TEEN ASIA by BETTY BETZ (Random House). An intimate look into the Far East through the prose and cartoons of OPCer BETTY BETZ. Full of chuckles and good light reading.

I'M A LUCKY GUY by Frank B. Gilbreth, Jr. (Crowell). With the same wonderful breeze style that made "Cheaper by the Dozen" and "Belles on Their Toes" best sellers, Gilbreth spins the story of his life -- ranging from how he found his wife on a scavenger hunt to wrestling with the problem of being an editor on a New York daily.

CRACKS IN THE KREMLIN WALL by Edward Crankshaw. (Viking). In this book the author stresses what he regards as Russia's calculable weaknesses -- at the same time not minimizing the Kremlin's calculable strength.

PURSUIT OF GENTLEMEN by KATHRYN CRAVENS (Coward McCann). A novel about the romantic, amusing and shocking adventures of Drusilla Allen and her "pursuit of gentlemen" in the 1850s era in New York.

THE REVOLT by Menachem Begin (Henry Schuman). This is the inside story, told for the first time, of the revolt of an underground army, the mysterious Irgun Zvai Leumi, against the British forces in Palestine. Excellent background for correspondents interested in Israel.

THE STORY OF THE NEW YORK TIMES by Meyer Berger (Simon & Schuster). A living and intimate biography of a great newspaper. Of particular interest to OPCers are the chapters with the foreign coverage of the TIMES.

TOWARDS AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE USSR by Michael T. Florinsky (MacMillan). This is a new edition of a volume first published in 1939 -- in which the author up-dates background material on Russia relative to government,, politics, economic planning, and some aspects of foreign relations.

TALKS WITH NEHRU by Norman Cousins (John Day). The basis of this book is two tape-recorded interviews between the editor of the Saturday Review of Literature and Nehru. Material originally appeared in SRL. Excellent background on understanding some of Nehru's basic views.

TWELVE COWS AND WE'RE IN CLOVER by George Rehm (William Morrow). All newspapermen dream about chucking the job and heading for the farm. But George Rehm (formerly of the Paris Times, the Paris Edition of the N.Y.Herald Tribune, the Chicago Tribune, and OWI) -- at the age of 53 -- is one journalist who actually did it. The story of how he started, without knowing which end of the cow to milk, and made a go of it has a warm-hearted touch.

CAPITALISM & SOCIALISM ON TRIAL by Fritz Sternberg (John Day). This is an analysis -- from a socialist standpoint -- of what has happened and is still happening in the world. Despite the heaviness of the subject, it is written in a comparatively popular vein.

RED BLIGHT by Mary L. Knight (Lorrin L. Morrison). In this book, the founder-member of the OPC, spins the story behind U.S. policy in China. Opening with a full reportorial account of General Marshall's mission to China in 1946, she tells how and why Communism conquered China.

PAPER EDITIONS: The following paper-bound pocketbooks have been received:
MAN MAKES HIMSELF by V. Gordon Childe (Mentor); A TEXAS COWBOY by Charles Siringe (Signet); JUBEL'S CHILDREN by Lenard Kaufman (Signet); THE SILENT DUST by Bruno Fischer (Signet); THE MEANING OF EVOLUTION by George G. Simpson (Mentor); CORNBREAD ARISTOCRAT by Claud Garner (Signet); MURDER FOR MADAME by Adam Knight (Signet); MISSION: INTERPLANETARY by A. E. van Vogt (Signet); PLACE CALLED ESTHERVILLE by Erskine Caldwell (Signet); THE DELICATE PREY by Paul Bowles (Signet).



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EXTENDING A HAND TO) Under the presiding hand of Program Chairman SANFORD GRIFFITH, the
THE WEST GERMANS) OPC held an interesting meeting interspersed with diverse opinions in
DRAWS DIVERSE VIEWS) the Clubrooms February 6.

Walter Gong, press attache of the German Diplomatic Mission, which will shortly become the Embassy, said that the hope of the future of Germany is that there is a new journalistic press, and that if it remains "free" the future is saved.

Past President LOUIS LOCHNER said that he met Gong just after he had come out of the Buchenwald concentration camp and said that one of the difficulties Gong had in setting up a "new German Press" was it had no preferential help in getting newsprint.

NORBERT MUHLEN, of Reader's Digest and an author, said that the present images of Germany by U. S. correspondents were "very careless and wrong" and that German reporting on America was "not quite so bad." He said that Americans do not want to hear much news about East Germany, adding that American minds still go back to 10 years ago when the Nazis still ruled and that Americans believe they still do.

MUHLEN said that there is no dangerous revival of new Nazis. He said the real fight is between Communism and anti-Communism and that the people of Berlin are fighting this battle. He added that the American press does not consider it worth reporting.

BELLA FROMM, just back from Germany, reported that German women are not to be underestimated. She said that in the Soviet Zone 40 per cent of Government jobs are occupied by women. She said three-fifths of the West German women vote, adding that most of them have desire for a husband and children---"something to put their hearts into."

She said it was necessary for women to be given more responsible jobs because they will put their hearts into a "man's job" if they are frustrated in getting husbands. Bella said that during the Nazi regime five per cent of the children were born out of wedlock while nine per cent was the 1951 average.

Lisalotta Berger, a head of the Association of German Students, made a plea for the millions of students in the East German Zone, saying that "the minute they are forgotten, they will all be dead." She said the Germans were not interested in totalitarianism in any form.

In answer to a question of "how important is the Neo-Nazi movement, especially to the Jewish Problem?" MUHLEN replied that the Nazi movement in West Germany is dependent on the Government in East Germany since it has been financed by the Communists. He said the Neo-Nazis had never been able to poll more than 11 per cent of the votes. He said--amidst boos--that Anti-Semitism was never a majority movement...(With thanks to DOROTHY FISCHER for this report).

Among members at the meeting were: MAX RODEN, MARY H. VORSE, RUTH LLOYD, BEN GROSS, NORMA BABCOCK, MARY HORNADAY, DAVID RESNICK, GERALDINE SARTAIN and WAMBLY BALD.

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